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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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File Ref: Lease 7767; A2678
Item: 17

Title: Issuance of a General Lease – Right-of-Way Use – Lease 7767

Location: Sovereign land in the Tuolumne River adjacent to Santa Fe Avenue, near Empire, Stanislaus County.

Description: Authorize a General Lease – Right-of-Way Use beginning February 23, 2021, for a term of 25 years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing bridge, known as the Santa Fe Avenue railroad bridge.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): BNSF Railway Company

Exempt Status:

[√] Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 1, EXISTING FACILITIES (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (a)(2))

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 25-year General Lease – Right-of-Way Use for the above-mentioned structure will not cause a physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

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